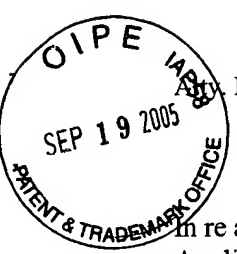


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In re application of: Gary R. Janik et al.

Application No.: 10/056,271

Art Unit.: 2877

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For: "Laser-Based Cleaning Device For Film Analysis Tool"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col.1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | LARGE ENTITY | |
|--|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Addit. Fee |
| Total | 28 | Minus | 50 | = 0 | x \$50 = | \$0 |
| Indep. | 5 | Minus | 4 | = 0 | x \$200 = | \$0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | + \$360 = | \$0 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Addit. Fee | | | | | | \$0 |

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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ANALYSIS TOOL

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION

Summary:

Claims 1, 8, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27, 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 44, and 47 are pending in the present application. Claims 51 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,621,281, issued September 16, 2003 to Birdsley et al. (hereinafter "Birdsley"). Claims 1, 8, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27, 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 44, and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,669,979 (hereinafter "Elliot") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,876,983 (hereinafter "Fukuda"). In the present paper, Claims 1, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27, 36, 37, and 41 are amended, and previously withdrawn Claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 38, 39, 40, 45, 46, 48, and 49 are cancelled.